

# Lower Penwortham Community Drop-in

Thank you to everyone who visited our public drop-in at the Penwortham Bridge Methodist Church on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

Staff from the Environment Agency and VolkerStevin were on hand to update residents and local councillors on how the Flood Risk Management Scheme is progressing. There were lots of interesting questions and your feedback was taken onboard. We will be publishing updates on the Engage App and in future newsletters.



South Ribble Borough Councillors

The church was the ideal venue as its flood defences have now been completed. A big thank you to volunteers from the church who served refreshments throughout the afternoon.

A similar event is being planned for the Preston side of the river, with the date and venue to be confirmed soon.



Information Boards

## Broadgate Bus Service Update

Construction of the new flood walls is progressing well along Broadgate. We hope to be able to reinstate the footpath and two bus stops, opposite Kilruddy and Ardee Roads, by the end of December 2023.

We will be working with our partners to determine if a partial reinstatement of the bus service will be possible, once our works along Broadgate are complete.

Please note, reinstatement of the full bus route which goes via South Meadow Lane, Wolseley Road and into

Broadgate is expected to be May 2024. We will keep you updated if there are any changes.

The free dial-a-ride service will remain in place until the full bus route is operational. Elderly and disabled residents can book free transport into the city centre or to Morrisons' supermarket by contacting Preston Community Transport on 01772 204667 (option 2). Please tell them you are a resident within the Flood Scheme area.

AUTUMN / WINTER 2023

# PRESTON & SOUTH RIBBLE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME NEWSLETTER

## Key construction milestones close to completion

Two areas of flood scheme works have made major progress over the Summer. The new flood defence walls along Broadgate are almost complete, with over 180 wall units installed. The concrete wall units were specifically designed and cast for the Scheme, and they are being finished with coping stones on top.

Once the wall is complete, work can begin on reinstating the footpath, which the construction team hope to reopen before the end of December 2023. Reinstatement of Broadgate Gardens, near Liverpool Road Bridge, will follow, in Spring 2024.

Meanwhile in Lower Penwortham, the embankment at the rear of Margaret Road is nearing completion. Over 22,000 tonnes of clay were needed for it to reach the required height, before covering the clay in topsoil. Over the coming weeks and months, the new embankment will grass over and start to blend into the landscape.

We wish to thank residents for their patience while lorries made deliveries to and from our Margaret Road compound.

	LOCATION & WORKS	SCHEDULE	LOCATION & WORKS	SCHEDULE
AREA 1 - Preston	<b>Broadgate</b>		<b>Leyland Road Area</b>	
	Sewer Strengthening	COMPLETE	Golden Way / Penwortham Residential Park	COMPLETE
	Electricity Cable Diversions	COMPLETE	St Mary Magdalen School – Embankment	COMPLETE
	Redi-rock Revetment	COMPLETE	Leyland Road – Electricity Cable Diversion	COMPLETE
	Piling Works	ONGOING	Penwortham Methodist Church & Allotments - Flood Wall Construction	COMPLETE
	Flood Wall Construction Complete	Winter 2023	<b>Riverside Road &amp; Ribble Sidings</b>	
	Broadgate Footpath Reopens	Winter 2023	Enabling works	COMPLETE
	Broadgate Garden Reopens	Spring 2024	Sewer Diversion	COMPLETE
	<b>Riverside</b>		Embankment	ONGOING
	Sewer Strengthening	COMPLETE	Piling	ONGOING
AREA 2 - Lower Penwortham	Electricity Cable Diversions	COMPLETE	Flood Wall Construction	2024
	Piling Works	ONGOING	Ribble Sidings Wetland Complete	Autumn 2024
	Miller Park Entrance	Restart Spring 2024		
	Flood Wall Construction	Start Winter 2023		

Please note, all dates are subject to change.

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 visit: Information Hub at BAC/EE Social & Sports Association off South Meadow Lane, Broadgate, Preston, PR1 8JP  
 Open Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-3pm



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# Flood Scheme Area Update

## AREA 1: BROADGATE & RIVERSIDE



**BROADGATE** All foundations are complete along Broadgate, and the old wall has been removed. At the time of writing, we have almost completed the installation of the flood walls and made major progress with the coping stones too. Work is ahead of schedule, and we hope to be able to reopen the footpath before the end of the year.

Along the riverbank, between the new Redi-rock revetment (this is the large concrete structure we have built out into the river) and Penwortham Old Bridge, we have positioned rock-bags. The rock-bags will help protect the riverbank from scouring (or wearing away) during high tides or high river flows.



Broadgate Rock Bag Installation



Coping Stone Installation



Broadgate New Flood Wall

## AREA 2: LOWER PENWORTHAM



**GOLDEN WAY** We have planted 600 trees at Golden Way, Lower Penwortham. The saplings, which include oak, birch, willow, and hazel, are located within an existing grassland and will enhance wildlife habitat.

The new trees help compensate for those removed before starting construction. We will eventually plant thousands of trees as part of the Flood Scheme, including at the new wetland to be created at Ribble Sidings and at the re-landscaped Broadgate Gardens. The planting is part of our commitment to improving the local environment through better public access, landscaping, and habitat creation.

The Golden Way trees were planted in agreement with South Ribble Borough Council, who own the land and will take over management.



**RIVERSIDE ROAD & RIBBLE SIDINGS** Piling has commenced from where the embankment transitions into the flood wall near Margaret Road / Hawkhurst Road, with further piling required from Hawkhurst Road and along Riverside Road scheduled in 2024 prior to constructing the flood walls.

Along the river, we will be carrying out archaeological assessments close to the site where the old ferry boats use to moor.

We have also started to create a causeway down to the river so that contractors and machinery can access the riverbank to carry out construction works. Although there may appear to be a gap in the flood defences, material has been left close by and would be used to 'plug' the gap in the event of a flood warning.

The embankment behind Margaret Road is almost complete, and we have started to replace and create footpaths.

The public right of way along the riverbank remains closed from the bridge at Avenham Park and up towards Riverside Road. We expect this to reopen Mid 2024.



Embankment Construction



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## AREA 3 & 4: FRENCHWOOD & WALTON-LE-DALE



**FRENCHWOOD & WALTON-LE-DALE** Ground investigation, topographical, and utility location surveys are currently underway. The survey information will help inform the Flood Scheme design. Consultation meetings will be held with residents prior to submitting a planning application to Lancashire County Council in 2024.



Ground Investigation Survey

## Preston Road Closures & Reopening

A letter has been sent to Broadgate/Riverside residents explaining the timescales for roads reopening. If you have not received a copy, please email [psr@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:psr@environment-agency.gov.uk). The letter is also available for download on the Engage App, or you can pick-up a printed copy from the Information Hub at BAC/EE.



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